



PRESS ADVISORY

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CALTRANS DESIGNATES ROUTE 84 (Niles Canyon) AS A STATE SCENIC ROUTE

Oakland – Caltrans is holding a ceremony to mark the designation of State Route 84 (Niles Canyon Road), between Mission Boulevard and Interstate-680, as an official scenic route.

The Niles Canyon Scenic Route Designation ceremony will take place: April 15, 2008, from 3:30 – 4: 30 PM, in the Town of Sunol, at the historic railroad depot located at 6 Kilcare Road. Speakers will include: Bijan Sartipi, Director of Caltrans District 4, Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Gail Steele from Alameda County, Mark Green, Mayor of Union City, and Bob Wasserman, Mayor of Fremont.

The process to designate Niles Canyon Road as a scenic route began in 1989, when former Assemblymember Delaine Eastin introduced legislation to make Niles Canyon Road eligible for scenic designation. Planning and studies commenced, with commitments from Alameda County, Fremont, and Union City to work collaboratively towards getting approval for the designation. After reviewing the Corridor Protection Plan, required by Caltrans for designating a highway as a scenic route, Caltrans approved the request.

This important designation continues the efforts of the California Scenic Highway Program, begun by the state legislature in 1963, to preserve, protect, and promote California's natural beauty.

At the close of the ceremony Caltrans will unveil the signature California Scenic highway road sign, which contains the emblem of the state flower, the golden poppy.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this event. For more information contact Michael Lopez at (510) 286-5445.

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